

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 801

By Terry

A RESOLUTION to honor JaCoby Stevens on winning the CFP National Championship as a member of the LSU Tigers.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize a student athlete of the greatest ability and dedication who has reached the very pinnacle of his sport, thus bringing honor and acclaim to his native Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, JaCoby Stevens, a junior safety with the Louisiana State University (LSU) Tigers, and his teammates have been crowned College Football Playoff (CFP) National Champions after destroying Clemson 42-25 in the title game; and

WHEREAS, formerly a standout football player at Oakland High School in Murfreesboro, JaCoby Stevens was an integral part of the Bayou Bengals' incredible success during this championship season, which included a perfect 15-0 record and victories over Southeastern Conference (SEC) archrival Alabama, SEC Eastern Division champion Georgia in the SEC Championship Game, and No. 4 Oklahoma in the Peach Bowl, a CFP semi-final game; and

WHEREAS, during the 2019 season, JaCoby Stevens truly upped his game at safety by nearly tripling his defensive totals from 2018, including 92 tackles (53 solo and 39 assisted with 9 tackles for loss), 5 sacks, and 3 interceptions; and

WHEREAS, his superior performance earned him Second Team All-SEC honors and selection as SEC Defensive Player of the Week on three occasions; and

WHEREAS, the second-leading tackler on the LSU defense, JaCoby Stevens once again answered the bell in the CFP Championship Game versus Clemson, recording 7 tackles (5 solo and 2 assisted with 0.5 tackle for loss) to lead the Tigers to the promised land; and

WHEREAS, during his senior season at Oakland, he was named the *Daily News Journal's* All-Area Player of the Year, TSSAA Class 6A Mr. Football, and Gatorade Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, ranked as one of the top fifty college football players in the nation by Rivals, JaCoby Stevens is celebrating LSU's CFP National Championship while contemplating his sure-to-be bright future; and

WHEREAS, JaCoby Stevens has distinguished himself as an outstanding football player with the heart and the hardware of a champion, yet we are confident that he is an even better person and most worthy of our praise and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend JaCoby Stevens on winning the CFP National Championship as a member of the LSU Tigers, salute his exemplary play at safety on a supremely gifted LSU team, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.